

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 36-40 are all the claims pending in the application. In this regard, Applicants note that claims 36-40 have been indicated in the Office Action as being allowed (see Office Action at page 5).

Regarding claims 33-35, Applicants note that claims 33 and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(c) as being anticipated by Cho et al. (US 6,969,639), and claim 35 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cho et al. (US 6,969,639). By this amendment, Applicants note that claims 33-35 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter recited therein.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is kindly requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may best be resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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